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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government will examine that suggestion. The centre will be started presently.

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : May I know whether this Government get any grant from the Central Government for development of pottery in this State and, if so, what the amount is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already said that the Government of India are giving us a grant. It will be on the basis of 75 per cent of the non-recurring and 50 per cent of the recurring expenditure.

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : May I know whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Provincial Potters' Conference held at Tiruppur and, if so, whether they have considered the recommendations of the conference regarding the improvement of pottery industry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice. But I may say under the Second Five-Year Plan, we have got a proposal to start a number of training-*cum*-service centres for pottery in the various districts of this State.

(Starred question No. 3090—Postponed.)

Malabar Tenancy Act

* 3091 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications for the lease of waste lands that have been received by the Tahsildars in the Malabar district under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act since 1st January 1954; and

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In the paper placed on the table, against Wynaad taluk, it is stated that in six cases, notice to landholders under section 52 (1) of the Act has been issued and expiry of notice time is awaited for taking further action. Since the notice time has already expired by this time, may I know whether any action has been taken after the expiry?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I want notice to answer this question.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 345-346 infra.

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: In the paper placed on the table, against the number of applications for the lease of waste lands various figures are given. But against the number of applications sanctioned there is a discreditable nil. May I know whether the Government will improve their record by inserting some low figures at least in the near future?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: It is not discreditable; on the other hand it is creditable. Certain cases were amicably settled and the hon. Member has failed to notice that.

Recruitment of Malayalees for public services

* 3092 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have given instructions to the Madras Public Service Commission not to recruit Malayalee candidates for public services in view of the impending reorganization of the States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The answer is in the negative. I wish to add that I have seen certain press reports alleging that the head of a department has issued instructions to see that Malayalee teachers are removed from service. There is absolutely no basis for that report. I am sorry that false reports are being circulated by responsible members and responsible papers also.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, I wish to offer a personal explanation. I submitted a memorandum to the Hon. Finance Minister on the basis of a Press report that a circular has been issued by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the managers of private schools in Madras City to the effect that notice of dispensing with their services should be served on Malayalee teachers in view of the impending formation of the Kerala State. I have only drawn the attention of the Finance Minister to that circular and in doing so I think I have done my duty by the Government as well as by the public.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There is no such circular. It exists merely in the imagination of the paper 'Desabhimani' which is the organ of the Communist party. I am sorry that a report which will create bitterness between the Malayalees and Tamilians should have been circulated.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: May I know whether the Government are vested with power under any provision of law to issue such a direction to a body which is a creation of the Constitution?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I think the presumption of the hon. Member is correct. We cannot discriminate against persons on the basis of language.